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1. Location :

1.5 km west southwest of Nuerschan (Myrany) (N 50/P 93) at the base of a steep rock about 30 meters high, in the area of a shut-down coal mine, the so-called "Ziegler schacht".
Geographic designation: Ziegler uv Dul.

2. Plant installations :

- a. Three-story building, about 100 x 30 meters.
- b. Another three-story building of the same size is almost completed.
- c. A workers' settlement for skilled workmen.
- d. Standard gauge spur tracks lead east to the Domazlice (50 km south of Pilsen) - Nuerschan - Pilsen (N 50/L 04) railroad line.
- e. The plant area is surrounded by a 2-meter fence.

3. Plant history :

The coal mine was shut down in 1945 due to unproductivity. Conversion activities started at the end of 1945 and lasted until early 1947. The newly constructed plant was put into operation in mid-1947. Expansion of the plant has been under way since March 1949. A second workshop building is almost completed. About 200 workmen are employed in this construction work.

4. Work force :

About 1,200 workers (half of them women) work in two daytime shifts.

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The workmen live in the neighboring villages. Most of the skilled workmen live in the workers' settlement.

5. Managment :

Chief engineer Hopetzky, 38 years old.

6. Production :

Cartridge cases for heavy machine gun ammunition, for AA shells, for 250 kg aircraft bombs. Also manufacturing of iron ammunition boxes, 75 x 30 x 30 cm.

7. Outgoing shipments :

Five carloads twice or three times weekly.

8. Destination :

The entire output left for the Soviet Zone of Germany,

9. Plant security :

Ten men of the SNB unit in Myrany are on day and night guard duty around the plant.

Comment :

The Luerschan Ammunition Plant and the Holleischen (10 km south southwest of Luerschan) are some of the most important Czechoslovakian armament plants.

Sketch No. 1a shows the marked location of the plant in a map section of "Germany, Road Map 1 : 200,000, Passau-Milten 46". This report (with the annexed sketch 1b) may describe only part of the plant. Source is probably only acquainted with the section where he was employed as the plant installations were scattered in a forest area. However, this report indicates that this armament plant, far into the west of the Eastern Bloc, is still being expanded.

The layout sketch (Annex 2) was made according to a previous report (June 1947). The work force then numbered 1,500 to 1,300 men. The production was comprised of shells of all calibers and mortar shells (200 mm). However, source was only admitted to outdoor work and therefore cannot make specific indications.

2 Annexes : 1.) Luerschan Ammunition Plant.
2.)

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Legend of Annex 2

- 1 Office building
- 2 Living quarters
- 3 Mess hall
- 4 Fire shed, telephone exchange center
- 5)
- 6) Storage depot for empty projectile bodies
- 7)
- 8 Processing of empty projectile bodies
- 9)
- 10) Storage depot for cartridge cases
- 11)
- 12) Filling of cartridge cases
- 13)
- 14 Hydraulic presses
- 15)
- 16)
- 17) Presses for 1,000, 500, and 100 tons
- 18)
- 19)
- 20) Foundry for projectile bodies
- 21 Department for manufacturing shells and heavy caliber mortar shells
- 22 Storage depot for cartridge cases
- 23 Department for manufacturing 150 mm shells
- 24)
- 25)
- 26) Department for manufacturing light caliber shells
- 27)

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- 28)
- 29) Storage depot for finished projectiles
- 30)
- 31 Filling department for powder sacks
- 32 Engine house, workshops
- 33 Manufacture of fuzes
- 34 Depot for packing material
- 35)
- 36)
- 37) Fuze department for all calibers
- 38)
- 39 Loading ramp
- 40 Storage sheds
- 41 Coal dump
- 42 Blasting practice ground
- 43 Cantonment buildings (living quarters)
- 44 Storage bunker for shell fuzes, safety fuzes and detonators
- 45 Air raid bunker for 1,000 persons
- 46 Field railroad line.

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SECRET **Annex 1**

NUERSCHAN Ammunition Plant

Legend:

A Ammunition plant

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